

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 40

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 19

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to organ donation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 40, John A. Pérez. Donate Life California Day: driver's license.

This measure would designate April 9, 2013, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2013 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California, and would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood donations are compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized with the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, More than 117,000 individuals nationwide and more than 21,000 Californians are currently on the national organ transplant wait list. While about one-third of these patients receive a transplant each year, another one-third die while waiting due to a shortage of donated organs; and

WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced by donors of organs, tissue, eyes, and blood; and

WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. Nearly nine million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure that their wishes to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor are honored; and

WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That in recognition of April as National Donate Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 9, 2013, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2013 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license or identification card or by signing up at

www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org or www.doneVIDACalifornia.org; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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